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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL AFTER FEBRUARY 28, 1975

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SUBJ: FONMIN BATRES' REPLY TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. CHARGE DELIVERED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO FONMIN BATRES ON FEB 8 AT 1630 HOURS. BATRES WAS EXHAUSTED AFTER LONG COUNCIL OF STATE MEETING AND SET UP APPOINTMENT FOR FEB 10 TO GIVE HIS REPLY. HIS ONLY CONCERN EXPRESSED ORALLY AND IN THE LETTER IS HOW, IN SHORT TIME GIVEN, CAN THE GROUP IN MEXICO REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO DEAL WITH THE VARIETY OF PROBLEMS ON THE AGENDA.

2. TRANSLATED TEXT OF HIS ANSWER TO THE SECRETARY FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT: "DEAR MR. SECRETARY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF FEBRUARY 6, WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME BY THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED STATES IN HONDURAS.

HE HAS VERBALLY TRANSMITTED TO ME SOME OF YOUR  
POINTS OF VIEW CONCERNING THE MEETING WE ARE ABOUT  
TO CELEBRATE IN MEXICO.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, I FULLY AGREE, AS DOES THE  
GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS AND HAS ALWAYS DONE, WITH THE  
FACT THAT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES ON WHICH OUR MUTUAL  
RELATIONS SHOULD BE BASED ARE THE ONES PROCLAIMED BY  
YOU: RESPECT FOR AUTODETERMINATION; NON-INTERVENTION;  
THAT OUR DISPUTES SHOULD BE SOLVED BY PEACEFUL MEANS  
CREATED BY INTERNATIONAL RIGHT AND, ESPECIALLY, BY  
INTERAMERICAN RIGHT; AND THAT OF COOPERATION FOR  
DEVELOPMENT.

I ALSO AGREE WITH YOUR IDEA THAT WE SHOULD GIVE  
SHAPE AND EFFECTIVE LIFE TO A SYSTEM OF SPECIAL RELATIONS  
BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE,  
WHICH SHOULD EVOLVE BASED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED  
PRINCIPLES, WHICH WE SHOULD MAINTAIN, DEVELOP AND  
STRENGTHEN PERMANENTLY.

IN CONTEMPORARY LIFE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES  
INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF ASPECTS WHICH ENLARGE AND  
BECOME COMPLICATED WHEN IT CONCERNS NEIGHBORS, AND  
WHEN OUR NATURES, TERRITORIAL EXTENSION AND  
DEVELOPMENT ARE SO DIFFERENT, AND WHEN PAST  
DISAPPOINTMENTS HAVE CREATED A FEELING OF SKEPTICISM  
BEFORE THE CHALLENGES OF THE PRESENT AND THE  
EXPECTATIONS OF THE FUTURE.

BECAUSE OF ALL OF THIS, THE MEETING OF MEXICO  
ACQUIRES AN IMPORTANCE WHICH YOU RIGHTLY CONCEDE IT,  
AND WE ARE ALL OBLIGED TO PLEDGE OUR BEST EFFORTS IN  
ORDER TO MAKE IT A HISTORICAL, POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL  
MILESTONE FOR OUR FUTURE RELATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,  
WE MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE OUR PEOPLE TOO  
OPTIMISTIC REGARDING ITS IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

IN EFFECT THE QUANTITY AND COMPLEXITY OF THE  
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PROBLEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IS VERY LARGE, AND THE  
TIME AT OUR DISPOSAL IS VERY SHORT. THESE CIRCUM-  
STANCES GIVE SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE SYSTEM AND  
METHOD OF DISCUSSION THAT WILL BE ADOPTED.

UNDOUBTEDLY, AT THE MEETING IN MEXICO WE ARE  
GOING TO CONSIDER ALL THE POINTS SELECTED IN BOGOTA  
AND THE VERY INTERESTING ONES WHICH YOU HAVE SUGGESTED,

AND DETERMINE A PRIORITY METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR THEIR  
FUTURE TREATMENT. IN THIS WAY WE WOULD CREATE, IN A  
PERMANENT MANNER, THE APPROPRIATE WAY FOR CONDUCTING  
OUR RELATIONS IN THE FUTURE.

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I BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEMS WE WILL HAVE TO STUDY  
CANNOT BE SOLVED BY THE MERE INTERVENTION OF THE  
MINISTERS; ON THE CONTRARY, THEY CANNOT BE SOLVED  
WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OF OTHER AUTHORITIES OF  
THE EXECUTIVE POWER, AND EVEN OF DIFFERENT POWERS  
OF THE STATE. BESIDES, WE WILL HAVE TO DISTINGUISH  
BETWEEN THOSE MATTERS WHOSE STUDY AND SOLUTION HAVE  
ALREADY BEEN ENTRUSTED TO SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONS  
OF INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, AND THOSE WHICH HAVE NOT.

DUE TO THE TIME PROBLEM WHICH I HAVE MENTIONED  
BEFORE, I THINK THAT WHAT WE CAN REALISTICALLY HOPE  
TO ACHIEVE IN THE MEETING OF MEXICO IS: (A) DETERMINE  
THE NATURE OF EACH POINT AND DECIDE WHICH ORGANIZATION  
OR ORGANIZATIONS IT WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO FOR THE  
CONTINUATION OF ITS STUDY AND ARRIVAL OF A SOLUTION.  
IN CASE THE ORGANIZATION OF STUDY EXISTS ALREADY AND ITS

PERFORMANCE IS NOT SATISFACTORY, WE WILL HAVE TO DETECT  
THE CAUSE AND TRY TO REMEDY IT; (B) WHEN CONSIDERED  
NECESSARY, WE WILL HAVE TO CREATE THE ORGANIZATIONS  
WHICH DO NOT EXIST FOR THE STUDY AND SOLUTION OF  
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PROBLEMS WHICH NEED IT; AND (C) IN ANY CASE, A  
CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM, WITH A  
PERMANENT NATURE, MUST BE CREATED TO WHICH DISAGREEMENTS  
ARISING IN THE FUTURE CAN ALSO BE SUBMITTED. THIS  
SYSTEM WILL GIVE REAL LIFE TO THIS "SPECIAL  
RELATION" AND WILL GIVE FEASIBILITY TO THE "NEW DIALOGUE"  
WHICH WILL MARK THE INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS.

WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED CONCEPTS I THINK I  
HAVE ANSWERED YOUR KIND LETTER OF CONSULTATION; I  
DON'T THINK IT SUPERFLUOUS TO ASSURE YOU OF MY  
GOOD DISPOSITION TO EXPLORE WITH YOU AND WITH THE  
REST OF THE COLLEAGUES OF THE CONTINENT, OTHER IDEAS  
AND PROPOSITIONS WHICH MIGHT SEEM MORE APPROPRIATE,  
BECAUSE, IN CONCLUSION, WHAT WE MUST PROCURE IS THE  
SUCCESS OF OUR MEETING.

AWAITING THE NEARING OPPORTUNITY OF GREETING  
YOU PERSONALLY, I REMAIN, YOURS TRULY, CESAR A.  
BATRES."

END TEXT. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. LETTER WILL BE POUCHED.

4. BATRES EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE SECRETARY'S  
APPEARANCE IN PANAMA AND FOR THE TERMS OF THE BILATERAL  
AGREEMENT, WHICH HE THOUGHT PROVIDED "AN AUSPICIOUS  
FRAMEWORK" FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE HIMSELF DREW THE  
CONCLUSIONS THAT THE SECRETARY'S PERSONAL GESTURE WAS  
THE BEST POSSIBLE PORTENT FOR THE MEXICO MEETING.  
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